

## RESOLUTIONS

OF

## THE LEGISLATURE OF TENNESSEE,

APPROVING

*The recommendations of the President, in his annual message to Congress, in opposition to a national bank, the assumption of State debts by the United States, the distribution of the proceeds of the public lands, and in favor of reducing the tariff, and extending the laws of the United States over the Oregon territory.*

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*Resolved*, That the late annual message of President Polk to the two Houses of Congress is every way worthy the Chief Magistrate of the American people. The temperance, firmness, dignity, and liberality manifested in its discussion of our foreign relations, and its luminous exposition and patriotic recommendation of the great principles of domestic policy upon which the administration was brought into power, mark it as one among the ablest and most American documents ever issued from the Executive department.

*Resolved*, That our Senators in Congress be, and they are hereby, instructed, and our Representatives requested, to sustain the principles of the message by their votes, by all their energies, and all their influence.

*Resolved*, That our Senators in Congress be, and they are hereby, especially instructed, and our Representatives requested, to vote against any proposition or bill which may be introduced in Congress having for its object the establishment of a national bank, the assumption of the debts of the individual States, or the distribution of the proceeds of the sales of the public lands among the States, whether acquired by cession or otherwise, as impolitic and unconstitutional.

*Resolved*, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their best exertions so to modify the tariff of 1842 as to reduce the duties it imposes to a revenue standard, and to abolish the minimum and specific duties, and to establish, in their place, ad valorem duties, as the most fair and equitable mode of levying a tax on imports.

*Resolved*, That our Senators in Congress be further instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their best exertions to extend the laws and jurisdiction of the United States over our citizens in the Oregon territory, and to adopt the most speedy means consistent with treaty stipulations to terminate the joint occupation of that territory by the United States and Great Britain.

